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28 January 1949

MEMORANDUM

TO: AISO

FROM: Chief, FIM

SUBJECT: Relief in Accordance with GAI #19 for Hardship
Cases in Obtaining Housing.

1. Re: [redacted] 25X1

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2. Referenced dispatch from the [redacted] 25X1 explains in detail the difficulty experienced by our personnel stationed in [redacted] in obtaining reasonable housing facilities. A separate memorandum is being submitted with a recommendation for corrective action in the future. This memorandum is to request your approval for relief in two cases of unusual expenses incurred to date.

25X1 3. [redacted] under unofficial cover, therefore, was not in a position to request assistance from Government agencies. [redacted] 25X1 rented a small house (one bedroom) in November 1947, at a reasonable rental fee of \$320 [redacted] per annum. However, in order to obtain and occupy this house it was necessary to make repairs, provide gas and electricity, and rent furniture, which increased the cost in [redacted] 25X1 for the first year's occupancy to \$2,270 [redacted]. In addition, fuel had to be purchased in dollars or scrip at an annual cost of \$442.00. At the official rate of exchange the total cost of rental and related services, as provided by allowance regulations, was for the first year \$2,969.00. [redacted] 25X1 was authorized the maximum quarters allowance of \$1000. (increased to \$1200 effective 26 December 1948).

25X1 4. As noted above, the total cost computed at the official rate of [redacted] 25X1 is \$2,969. However, at the actual cost to the agency, due to obtaining [redacted] at more realistic prices, this total amounts to only \$947.00, which amount is well within [redacted] authorized quarters allowance. On the basis of the official rate for [redacted] (each) 25X1 [redacted] rental exceeds his allowance from November 1947 to November 1948, in the amount of \$1,690 [redacted], which has not been paid. A portion of these [redacted] 25X1 was obtained by [redacted] from personal funds prior to the re-evaluation of [redacted] in [redacted] 1948. Therefore, the finance officer and Chief of Station at [redacted] 25X1 recommend an adjustment of \$3,526 [redacted] 25X1 and request relief on a hardship case basis in the amount of \$16,164 [redacted]. The value of this amount of [redacted] at cost to the

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25X1 agency is approximately \$390.00. Your approval of this request is recommended. As noted above, the total cost of quarters computed on the basis of actual cost of [] to the agency, was within the maximum quarters allowance authorized by Budget Circular A8.

25X1 5. [] transferred from [] after completion of his two year tour of duty. It was agreed, prior to the transfer, that reasonable housing was to be furnished him in [] After considerable effort the Administrative Officer in [] obtained a house from the [] at no cost. However, repairs were necessary to put the house in habitable condition and 17,388 [] were spent for this purpose. This house was being considered for an operational area, and was so listed on the [] records, although they were cognizant that the house was to be occupied by [] for an indefinite period. (It is now contemplated that [] will vacate this house in April of this year, at which time it will be available for operational purposes.). After the above arrangements had been made it was learned that [] regulations required cancellation of the original no rent agreement in order that [] might obtain commissary privileges. Such privileges are absolutely necessary for a family living in [] therefore, a monthly rental fee of \$105. established by the [] was accepted. Under the quarters regulations then in existence, [] was authorized a maximum allowance of \$1500. (increased 26 December 1948 to \$1600.). The rental of \$105. per month plus the rental of furniture will not provide for the amortization of the cost of repairs within the maximum quarters allowance. Under the circumstances of this case we feel that the payment for repairs was justified. Therefore, we recommend your approval of the cost of repairs of this house in the amount of 17,388 [] which, at the cost price to this agency, is approximately \$440.00.

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Chief, FBI

Approved:

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Acting ADSO

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